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Dear Members of the Michigan Legislature,

I am writing to express my support for legislation authored by Senator John Proos and Representative Amanda Price that would help our law enforcement professionals, pharmacists and retailers crack down on methamphetamine criminals.

Senate bills 535 and 756, sponsored by Senator Proos, offer an innovative and balanced approach to Michigan's meth production problem that will significantly enhance the state's current anti-meth laws, which currently include real-time, electronic monitoring of sales of pseudoephedrine-based products. Under the proposed legislation, individuals who have previously been convicted of meth-related crimes will be banned from being able to purchase any over-the-counter pseudoephedrine-containing medicines for ten years after their conviction.

Meanwhile, Senator Proos' bills 563 and 564, along Representative Price's bills 5363 and 5364 would stiffen the criminal penalties associated with "smurfing;" the practice of visiting numerous pharmacies individually or with a ring of people to purchase the legal limit of PSE (3.6 g daily), allowing the meth lab to obtain sufficient PSE for production.

I support this commonsense approach to the meth problem because not only will it target the criminals who are responsible for the meth problem, it will also ensure that law-abiding Michiganders still have access to the nonprescription cold and allergy medicines of their choice. This is the kind of balanced, targeted solution that taxpayers deserve.

I urge you to support this robust and aggressive approach to Michigan's meth problem.

Sincerely,

  
Thomas J. Tiderington